

Valle Crucis Items.

The new Bank building is growing fast, the walls up to the windows, the frames of which are now in place. Contractor Gwyn Church, with a corps of able masons hopeful of completing the structure before the winter sets in. With a church, school house, store, bank and several good dwellings, the village of Valle Crucis which, by the way, is a mile from the valley of that name, will have quite a town-appearance before long.

"Cousin Town" was substantially represented at the services in the Episcopal church on the 23rd ult., that being the monthly communion time there.

Mrs. Finley Mast has completed and shipped to Washington the beautiful set of rugs ordered by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson for her room in the White House, our popular lady-weaver to be congratulated upon receiving the order from the First Lady of the Land, who in turn is to be congratulated upon discovering the Best Weaver at the Loom, the best but one, Mrs. Spider acknowledged the very best.

Miss Mary E. Horner, Principal of the Industrial School for Girls at this place, is to be congratulated upon the flattering prospects of "the best school year in the history of the oldest school in all this mountain region" the school established by Bishop Ives, of the Episcopal church, in 1842, seventy-one years ago, revived by Bishop Caeshire fifteen years ago and put upon a solid basis by Bishop Horner in 1903, its object a noble one: To help mountain girls get a good education at small cost.

There is no little interest manifested in the home-coming of our popular townsman, Squire Wade Wagner, who will bring his bride and occupy their handsome new home near Wagner's Ford, Mrs. Wagner a lady of culture, and one of the first families of New Jersey, where in her home town she is much loved and admired. Mrs. Wagner, it will be remembered, was Miss Sarah G. Morse who with her mother resided at the Industrial School where Miss Morse taught for a couple of years voluntarily giving her work to the good cause, having been principal during the unexpired term of Principal Tongue who became the wife of Rev. John C. Seagle, for many years a faithful worker in Watauga and Ashe.

The poultry plant of the Industrial School, under the efficient management of Mr. Gestler, formerly of the Patterson School of Caldwell county, is being revived, 600 whitelegorns now on hand ready for the spring opening of the hatching contest, this plant, it will be remembered, having been established by Rev. W. H. Hardin when principal of the school in 1903.

Rev. Hugh A. Dobbin, Principal of the Patterson School, delighted his many friends in the valley by a visit among them last week. Mr. Dobbin having spent thirteen years there, work fine and lasting.

Several changes have taken place in the valley, among the most notable being: Mr. Larkin Calloway and family have moved into the C. D. Taylor old residence, Mr. J. Lee Tester into the Dobbin old residence and Mr. Cicero Dyer into the Ives old house, an attractive log building, the only one left of the original group belonging to the former Industrial School, but now the property of the estate of the Taylor heirs, the house situated on knoll overlooking the Vale of the Cross.

Squire C. D. Taylor's new and handsome residence is receiving a good coat of paint for priming, the work under the supervision of Mr. ... the painter, who

Boone's Split-Bullet, And Other Facts.

The following historic facts should be recorded in connection with the unavailing of the Boone Marker on the 23rd of last October.

First: The so-called split-bullet which was said to have been found by Mr. Jerry Cook, twenty five or more years ago, when cutting a young chestnut tree in Ward's gap, did not contain the initials "D.B." when first found, Mr. J. K. Perry of Beaver Dams having placed them there immediately afterwards by impressing the surface of the newly cut bullet with the small end of an old fashioned ten penny nail, from which he had filed two corners, thus making a D, and the end of shingle nail, similarly filed, one impression being placed immediately above the other, thus making a B. The bullet had been cut squarely in two by Mr. Cook's axe, and Mr. Perry prepared it as above stated merely as a practical joke. He so stated to Mr. Arthur in June, 1909.

Second: Jesse Boone was a nephew of Daniel Boone, and lived at or near the Joe Hardin place, one mile east of the town of Boone. He also lived on the head waters of Boone's Fork of the Watauga river, four miles from Shull's Mills and two miles from Kelsey post office. The foundation of the chimney of his cabin are still visible. Thus, it was Jesse and not Daniel, who gave the name of Boone's Fork to the stream.

Third: On the 8th day of July, 1823 Jesse Boone conveyed 350 acres of land on Flannery's Fork of New River and on Roaring branch, to Wm. and Alexander Elrod. This land adjoined land then belonging to John Ayers, Jesse Council and Russell Sams, part of which is now owned by Mr. J. Watts Farthing. Jesse Boone's sister, Anna, married William Coffey, and was still alive in late 1871, though then very old, when Mr. Farthing saw and talked with her in Caldwell county.

Mr. Farthing still has the original deed from Jesse Boone, which was not recorded in Ashe county till July 2nd, 1841.

Fourth: A quarter of a mile north of Howard's Knob is a rock cliff under one end of which is a sort of open-mouthed cave, since known as Howard's Rock House, in which Benjamin Howard is said to have hidden when too closely pressed by the Whigs during the Revolutionary War. A knife or dirk, of curious shape, was found there several years ago, much rusted and is supposed to have belonged to him. This tradition has been preserved by Col. W. L. Bryan of Boone.

Fifth: To the right of the road leading from Boone to Ashe, and in front of John Hardin's, B. J. Council's and G. P. Hagaman's, is a giant oak, on one side of which is a bump or protuberance, which was caused by the tree growing entirely over and concealing a pair of buck horns which has been nailed to the body of the tree by the late Jesse Council when a boy, according to his statement to Col. Bryan many years ago. There are many yet living in Boone who remember seeing the prongs of these horns still projecting from the bark of the tree. Lying on the ground near by, is the trunk of an enormous yuccamore nearly four feet in diameter which grew from a

needs no introduction in Watauga.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooney, from Nashville are guests at Mr. Finley Mast's, Mr. Cooney to spend the winter there.

With the modern fitting and furnishing of principal homes in our valleys, these already popular summer resorts should be come popular as winter retreats especially to people who derive benefit from our unsurpassed pure air and fine water, none better on earth, and the people whose land this is, this Land of the Sky, do you know, none more true hearted dwell upon the face of the earth?

W. R. S.

riding switch which the same Jordan Council stuck in the ground near the spring when a boy. It was into another tree near by that this same gentleman, when a young man, followed what he believed to be a coon, until the animal turning about in order to climb further out on the limb, switching its tail in the face of its pursuer, who then realized that it was a panther. The land was sold to Mr. Jesse F. Robbins by the Land Company on Oct. 23, 1913, and formerly contained the old Council homestead.

J. P. A.

Blowing Rock Items.

The friends of Dr. G. W. Raby, and they are many, will be interested to learn that after twelve years at the old stand, he has decided to sell out and quit the business on account of ill health, feeling that outdoor life will suit him better. "Dork" has been a familiar figure in our midst, good natured, jolly, with a pleasant word for every one and will be sadly missed.

Mrs. Bessie Patterson, who has a new and beautiful bungalow on the mountain, has vacated it, and, with her sister, Miss Hanna, and Miss Alexander from Charlotte, have moved to the Watauga Inn, and make charming additions to the already attractive social circle at that popular resort.

The Cordons are having extensive additions and improvements made to their pretty home on South Main Street, and have with them at present a friend of Mr. Cordons Mr. Wyatt, of Richmond, Virginia.

Miss Maria Pinkney, of the Happy Valley, a property owner here, spent last week at the Wa-

tauga Inn.

Mr. C. Columbus Winkler, an honored citizen of our wide-awake, little town, has been appointed chief of police, doing duty as night watchman only, and each evening at sun-down, rings the curfew bell, which summons the small boy to his home.

Blowing Rock Lodge, No. 458, A. F. & A. M., T. H. Coffey, W. M., held an interesting communication last Friday night, and, having work in the second degree for Friday night, the 14th inst., expects all members to attend that night.

The Odd Fellows met last Saturday night and transacted important business. These two leagues are attended by some of our leading citizens, who would do honor to any community.

A GRAND CONCERT !!

To be given at the court house in Boone for the benefit of Boone Chapel on Friday evening, November 14, 1913. An excellent programme will be rendered, consisting of declamations and old plantation melodies so familiar to Southern ears. General admission 25 cts. Children 15.

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Taxes! Taxes!

I will be at the following places on the dates named for the purpose of receiving taxes for the year 1913, viz:

Cove Creek, Sherwood's store forenoon	Nov. 14, 1913.
" " W. M. Reece's store afternoon	" " "
North Fork, W. N. Thomas store	" 15 "
Meat Camp, Moretz store forenoon	" 17 "
" " Will Norris store afternoon	" 17 "
Bald Mountain, voting place	" 18 "
Stony Fork, Hendrix store forenoon	" 19 "
" " Virgil afternoon	" 19 "
Elk, L. M. Hodges store	" 20 "
Blue Ridge, G. L. Story's store	" 21 "
Blowing Rock, Holshousers store	" 22 "
Watauga, Shulla Mills forenoon	" 24 "
" " Valle Crucis afternoon	" 24 "
Shawnee, Abner Baird's store	" 25 "
Laurel Creek, John Ward's store	" 26 "
Beaver Dam, Sweet water	" 27 "
Boone, court house	" 29 "

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